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W^mburg March 31.st 1824—

The date of your last Letter / Dec^r. 15.th / my dear Sister, is a severe reproach to me, & I feel it—but not, I am sure, as I ought to do, or I should more zealously endeavour to mend those ways that obstruct a more frequent intercourse with a few valued Friends—With such only do I now attempt to keep up a correspondence—My eyes suffer more from writing than from any other exertion of them—& my mind becomes more imbecile, in proportion as I write seldom, & I feel an increasing difficulty in doing it at all—Peyton has been very good in writing to us, & the last post brought Polly a Letter from him—He had then lately left home, & you were all well & we rejoice that you were so, & most heartily wish that your health may continue—The mildness of the late Winter will have been favourable to M^r. Littlefield more especially—Here the chain of sickness may almost be said to have been unbroken by the interposition of cold weather—We have had many deaths in our Town & its Neighbourhood, tho' our family has hitherto escaped—I speak only of our Williamburg family, for my unfortunate Son has lost the eldest of his two Sons, & on the last day of Feb^r his Wife fell a Victim to Pleurisy & Miscarriage & died—She left two Children—a daughter 9 years old last October & a Son who will be 2 the coming May—Charles was himself very sick when his messenger left him—The loss of this dear Girl is a great affliction to us, & the more, as from their removal into a new house in a Forest situation, we had hoped they might hereafter be blessed with better health than at the River Place where they lived before—Short sighted Mortals! we lay our plans & build our hopes—but we can go no farther—M^r. Tucker, tho' always labouring under a variety of petty Maladies, has escaped this Winter the dreadful scourge that attended him thro' the last—His appetite is good & regular, & he is able to indulge it reasonably with impunity

He has consequently regained some flesh - but his extreme deafness is a constant impediment to the restoration of his cheerfulness - He set out yesterday morning to attend his Court in Richmond - Polly possesses her usual share of good health - Mr. Cabell has been released but lately from the Legislature, & went on shortly after to Washington, in hope of obtaining indemnification, under the Shoshone Treaty, for his losses at Corrothoman. But this hope, he writes, is likely to prove fallacious - My own health has been very bad throughout the winter - The Physicians consider mine a Liver Disease, & from the jaund yellowness of my complexion, as well as from other symptoms, I suppose they are right - I have not swallowed a mouthful of animal food since November, & I am directed to refrain as much as possible from every other kind of food - My obedience is not such as it ought to be, or I should perhaps get better - It is certain that something is materially wrong, & the Sulphur Water is considered necessary - To the White Sulphur Spring therefore we shall bend our way as soon as Mr. J. Courts will permit, & in the mean time I have consented to leave this baneful atmosphere as soon as possible, & go to Mr. Coalters, till Mr. J. is released from his duties -

Of our Mecklenburg or Albemarle Friends I can write you nothing - They were well when my brother Humberston made us a short visit just before Christmas, but I have heard nothing of them since - Selina had a fine Boy & Humberston's two little Girls were with Helen -

I rejoice that Peyton is able to prosecute his Studies, & only fear that his ardour may exceed the powers of his eyes - Poor Gray! I shall think of him in many a stormy day & night, if I should live to witness them - I shall think his brother George the wiser & happier, who has chosen Terra Firma for his Element - My most sincere good wishes will attend the course

of each — I shall write to Peyton as soon as my eyes will give me leave, & give him all our Village News, making in the whole a very small sum —

For yourself, my beloved Sister, for Mr. Littlefield, & for all your little ones our wishes are cordial & constant & Polly writes with me in every affectionate feeling towards each & all —

You nor Peyton have mentioned Mr. Newsoms family in your letters — We feel a great interest in their situation & prospects & beg to be most kindly remembered to them — Mr. Newsoms Mother, Mr. Cary, has just left me — She looked well & is about to cross York River to visit her niece Mr. Davies —

Adieu my dear Sister — I shall often think of you amidst my summer wanderings, & if I should get better, I will inform you of it — That a gracious Providence may preserve & guide you in all your journey —
The sincere wish of,

Your ever affectionate Sister & Friend —

L. Tucker —



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